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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 29TH UNGA: NEPAL

1. IN MEETING WITH U.D. BHATT, MFA JOINT SECRETARY HANDLING UN AFFAIRS, EMBOFF DECEMBER 6 ASKED CLARIFICATION OF NEPAL POSITION ON KOREAN ITEM. BHATT INFORMED HIM THAT NEPAL UN AMBASSADOR UPADHYAY HAD SENT TELEGRAM TO KATHMANDU IN WHICH HE RECOMMENDED VOTING IN FAVOR OF ALGERIAN RESOLUTION ON GROUNDS THAT "NEPAL SUPPORTS THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS FROM KOREA UNDER UN FLAG". ON THE PRO-CEDURAL QUESTION OF GIVING FRIENDLY RESOLUTION PRIORITY UPADHYAY RECOMMENDED ABSTENTION. NO INSTRUCTIONS SOUGHT FOR SUBSTANTIVE VOTE ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION.

2. BHATT SHOWED EMBOFF COPY OF CABLE SENT DECEMBER 3 WHICH INSTRUCTED UPADHYAY TO "VOTE ACCORDING TO YOUR DESIRES." WHEN PRESSED FOR NEPAL'S POSITION ON SUBSTANCE OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION BHATT SAID THAT UPADHYAY WOULD ACT AT HIS DISCRETION ALTHOUGH IN BHATT'S VIEW IT WOULD BE LOGICAL FOR NEPAL TO VOTE AGAINST OUR RESOLUTION IF IT WERE TO SUPPORT ALGERIAN PROPOSAL.

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3. COMMENT: UPADHYAY APPEARS TO HAVE VERY LOOSE INSTRUCT-

IONS AND HAS BEEN GIVEN CONSIDERABLE LATITUDE BY MFA
ON QUESTION OF PROCEDURE, AS WELL AS SUBSTANCE OF
OUR RESOLUTION. WHILE WE ASSUME THAT HE WILL FOLLOW HIS
OWN RECOMMENDATIONS TO ABSTAIN ON PROCEDURAL QUESTION,
WE HAVE NO ASSURANCE HE WON'T VOTE AGAINST US. IF,
HOWEVER, HE IS MADE AWARE THAT MFA HAS GIVEN US COPY OF
HIS INSTRUCTIONS HE COULD BE OPEN TO STRONG SUGGESTION
THAT ABSTENTION ON PROCEDURE AND ABSTENTION ON OUR
RESOLUTION WOULD BE MORE CONSISTENT WITH "NONALIGNED"
POSITION.

4. SUBSEQUENT TO DRAFTING THIS MESSAGE SOUTH KOREAN
AMBASSADOR INFORMED US BHATT TOLD HIM THIS AFTERNOON HE
WOULD TELEPHONE NEPAL EMBASSY NEW DELHI TO FORWARD INSTRUCTIONS
TO UN DEL TO ABSTAIN ON PROCEDURAL QUESTION AND IN EVENT
FRIENDLY RESOLUTION COMES TO VOTE TO ABSTAIN AS WELL. CARGO

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